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Remarks

Applicant apologizes for the clerical errors in the claims. It is not clear how the clerical errors were introduced into the filed claims, however (with much embarrassment) the amendments herein correct these errors.

No substantive amendments have been made.

Regarding there being two sets of claims 11 and 12, the claims have been renumbered. The present response shows amendment marks corresponding to the renumbering applicant has performed. Claims 12-14, 16-17, 19-22, 24, 26-28, 30-34 have also been amended to back-reference their renumbered base claim.

Regarding claims 17, 19, 22, 24 (as renumbered) having a portion of these claims being replaced with "QQQ," the claims have been amended to replace the curious QQQ with the correct claim language "the instructions comprising further instructions capable of directing a machine to perform."

These clerical corrections resolve the **35 USC §112** rejections of claims 12-14, 17, 19, 22, and 24.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 1-11, 15-16, 18, 20-21, 23, and 25-34 have been allowed.

Remaining claims 12-14, 17, 19, 22, and 24 have been deemed allowable if the §112 issues are addressed. Since the §112 rejections have been corrected as discussed above, all claims 1-34 are presently in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that all rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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